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- PASTIS



a fully-Bayesian tool to statistically validate exoplanets

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Exoplanet transit detections might be mimicked by various astrophysical scenarios (see on right for the main ones). To disentangle these sources of "noise" from exoplanet signals, a recent technique has been developed: the planet validation. It consists in calculating the propability (in the Bayesian framework) of the various scenarios. If the planet scenario is significantly the most probable, then the planet is "statistically validated".

In this context, we developped a fully-Bayesian tool, called PASTIS (Planet Analysis and Small Transit Investigation Software), to validate small planets among *CoRoT* and *Kepler* detections. The goal of PASTIS is therefore to validate planets when other techniques (RVs, TTVs) failed ! The secondary objective of PASTIS is to derive accurate parameters and robust uncertainties of the transiting systems. Below is a schematic view of the code.



Light curves: Kepler, CoRoT, CHEOPS, TESS, PLATO,

Data and constraints

Radial velocities:

Spectral Energy Distribution: SDSS, 2MASS, WISE, etc...

External constraints:

Stellar atmospheric parameters (Teff, logg, [Fe/H]), Asteroseismic constraints (p), etc...

ground-based telescope, etc...

SOPHIE, HARPS, HARPS-N, etc...



First planets validated by PASTIS

KOI-1257 (A)b:

KOI-1257 was a giant transiting planet candidate detected by *Kepler*. A radial velocity follow-up with SOPHIE revealed a long-term variation in both radial velocity and the spectral line FWHM. PASTIS was used to simulate four different scenarios to explain these variations. It concludes that the most likely scenario is a planet transiting the primary star of a binary system.

For more information, see Santerne et al., 2014, arXiv:1406.6172



Planets analysed by PASTIS

PASTIS was used to analyse the data of many Kepler transiting planets and brown dwarfs characterised by SOPHIE and HARPS-N (KOI-188, 192, 195, 200, 202, 205, 206, 209, 680, 686, 830, 889, 1257) as well as some CoRoT planets (e.g. CoRoT-7). The plot on the right is the PASTIS model of the phase curve and secondary eclipse of KOI-202 (Kepler-412).



PASTIS in the context of CHEOPS, TESS, PLATO, ESPRESSO, ...



CoRoT-22 b: CoRoT-22 was a 4.9Re candidate detected by *CoRoT*. Radial velocity follow-up with HARPS failed in establishing its planetary nature. PASTIS was used to simulate the effect of the different scenarios on the CoRoT coloured light-curve, HARPS data and the spectral energy distribution. By computing the probability of each scenario, the planet could be statistically validated.

For more information, see Moutou et al., 2014, arXiv:1408.2576

PASTIS is a planet-validation and planet-analysis machine that will be able to substantially contribute to upcoming space missions such as CHEOPS, TESS and *PLATO*. PASTIS is already used to define the best instrumental design of PLATO, to reduce false-positive detections as much as possible. PASTIS could also be used to identify the most probable false-positive scenarios of *PLATO* transiting detections and optimise the follow-up strategy.

PASTIS could also be used to *validate statistically* the planet signals that will be detected by ESPRESSO by modeling the signal of a spotted star host of planets.

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